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Date: February 13, 2002

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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: SHEERER

Entitled: COMPRESSION RINGS FOR COLUMN RELIEF IN
CONTINUOUS COOKING VESSELS

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
 12 pages of specification and claims (including 25 numbered claims), and
 2 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.
☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.
☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior appln. no. _____ filed _____

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/104,401, filed October 15, 1998, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/848,434, filed May 4, 2001, which is a division of Application Serial No. 09/404,587, filed September 24, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,276,724, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to Andritz Inc..

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Cancel claims 1 through 17, 20 and 22 through 25.

Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other: Form PTO-1449**FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED**

Basic Filing Fee

Total effective claims 3 - 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00

Independent claims 2 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 84.00

If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)

If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract

Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)

SUBTOTAL \$ 740.00

SECOND SUBTOTAL \$ (0.00)

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Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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